

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to create the South Dakota Virtual High School.  
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. There is created the South Dakota virtual high school. The South Dakota virtual high school shall be under the control of the Department of Education. The South Dakota virtual high school shall provide choice accessibility, flexibility, quality, and equity in curricular offerings for high school-aged students in the state.

Section 2. The South Dakota Virtual High School Advisory Council is established. The council shall advise the Department of Education, the South Dakota Board of Education, education-related organizations, and other education groups on issues related to distance learning. The council shall meet quarterly with the Department of Education to discuss, develop, and make recommendations for the promulgation of rules concerning policies that affect distance delivery.

Section 3. The council shall consist of seven members appointed by the secretary of education with broadly based representation from entities involved in virtual education efforts statewide.

Section 4. Members of the council shall be appointed for two-year terms, except that four of the members of the initial council shall be appointed to two-year terms, and three of the members of the initial council shall be appointed for one year. All subsequent appointments shall be for terms of two years. Any vacancy on the council that occurs before the incumbent's term has expired shall be filled by appointment to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. The number of terms that a council member may serve is not limited.

Section 5. The Department of Education may promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to coordinate course offerings by the South Dakota virtual high school, to award course credits earned by students taking classes from the South Dakota virtual high school, and to establish criteria for school districts to participate in the South Dakota virtual high school.

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<div>I certify that the attached Act originated in the HOUSE as Bill No. 1236</div> <div>_____ Chief Clerk</div> <div>_____ Speaker of the House</div> <div>Attest: _____ Chief Clerk</div> <div>_____ President of the Senate</div> <div>Attest: _____ Secretary of the Senate</div> <div>House Bill No. <u>1236</u> File No. _____ Chapter No. _____</div>	<div>Received at this Executive Office this _____ day of _____ , 20____ at _____ M.</div> <div>By _____ for the Governor</div> <div>_____ The attached Act is hereby approved this _____ day of _____ , A.D., 20____</div> <div>_____ Governor</div> <div>STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, ss. Office of the Secretary of State Filed _____ , 20____ at _____ o'clock ____ M.</div> <div>_____ Secretary of State</div> <div>By _____ Asst. Secretary of State</div>
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